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**PRESS RELEASE**  
***BEAVER RESIDENT SENTENCED***  
***TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR***  
***POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY***

SALT LAKE CITY -- Terry Brent Thompson, age 47, of Beaver, who admitted he had more than 600 images of prepubescent minors engaged in sexual conduct on his computer, will serve 10 years in federal prison. U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart issued the sentence Tuesday.

Thompson, who pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography in October, will be on supervised release for the rest of his life when he finishes his 10-year sentence and must register as a sex offender. There is no parole in the federal criminal justice system.

"We are going to continue to use the significant federal sentencing tools we have to bring justice to those individuals who are convicted of preying on children or using computers and the Internet to exploit or abuse children," U.S. Attorney Brett L. Tolman said today.

"This sentence serves as a strong reminder that the sexual exploitation of children is a crime that will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Jonathan Lines, assistant special agent in charge for the ICE office of

investigations in Salt Lake City. “Those who prey on our most vulnerable must be made to understand there are consequences for their crimes and the anonymity of cyberspace and the Internet offers no protection.”

Thompson was charged in a two-count indictment returned in February 2007. In addition to the possession of child pornography charge, a charge of distribution of child pornography was dismissed by federal prosecutors today. Thompson was arrested following an investigation by ICE agents in St. George. At the time of his arrest, he was on probation following a 2003 conviction in state court for possession of child pornography.

The case against Thompson was prosecuted in federal court by the U.S. Attorney’s Office as a part of the Utah Project Safe Childhood initiative. Project Safe Childhood is a nationwide effort designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov)

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